

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the Application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1 and 5 to further clarify the invention. In addition, Applicant amends claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 for conformity with the amendments made to claims 1 and 5. Finally, by this Amendment, Applicant adds claims 16-20. Claims 16-20 are clearly supported throughout the specification, *e.g.*, see page 5 of the specification.

Claims 9-15 are allowed and claims 2-4 and 6-8 contain allowable subject matter. The only rejected claims are claims 1 and 5.

In particular, in the Advisory Action dated October 5, 2004, the Examiner alleges that Saito's Fig. 7 boxes 201, 206, and 207 represent the private network, and the 1st Home Network is distinct from the Internet (Fig. 7, box 202; col. 19 lines 19-20). Furthermore, the Examiner alleges that Saito explicitly states that the function of the connection devices (Fig. 7 boxes 204 and 205) is for interconnection of two or more networks (col. 19 lines 34-39). Moreover, the Examiner alleges that the private Internet network of the applicant corresponds with the Home Network of Saito. The Examiner's rationale is that the Home Network is a private network since it consists of elements within a single home and it is furthermore an Internet network since all the terminals have global IP address (col. 19 lines 16-20; *continuation sheet* of the Advisory Action).

Claims 1 and 5, as now amended, among a number of unique features now recite: "a privately addressable network". For example, elements in a privately addressable network may only be addressed using private addresses. Even *assuming arguendo* that since a network is in a single home it can be termed as a private network, as alleged by the Examiner, this alleged

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private network is publicly addressable. That is, global addresses are used to access elements in this Home Network. For at least this exemplary reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 5 are patentable over Saito.

Moreover, new claims 16-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1 or 5.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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